



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-05

WHEREAS, hot, dry conditions, low soil moisture levels, combined with high winds and lack of rainfall, have had a detrimental impact on crop and pasture conditions; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock feed supplies, emergence and production of grains, livestock water supplies and agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, producers may be forced into supplemental feeding and sell-down of livestock herds to enable operations during this period of extended drought; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have and may continue to cause numerous water supply shortages for livestock and agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, financial losses to the agricultural industry and agri-business, will also constitute a serious economic hardship throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the most critical conditions, subjected to further deterioration exist in, but not limited to, Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, Logan, McIntosh, Morton, and Sioux counties; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, declare that an agriculture drought emergency exists in south central and southwestern North Dakota; and

I order that the Agriculture Working Group of Drought Task Force and all departments and administrators maintain agricultural drought response support resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution; and

2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 28th day of June 2006.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Jim Silrum
Deputy Secretary of State